



CLASSIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA

There are only two **classifications** of students in New Jersey:

1. **Eligible for Special Education and Related Services (ESERS)** – ESERS students can **never** have a criteria of SP.
2. **Eligible for Speech and Language Services (ESLS)** – ESLS students can **only** have a criteria of SP.

Once assigned a classification, the student is assigned a criteria. Here is a list of some of the more common criteria you might see:

AI	Auditory Impairment	
AU	Autistic	
BD	Behaviorally Disordered	
CI	Communication Impaired	
CIMD	Cognitively Impaired, Moderate	
CIML	Cognitively Impaired, Mild	
ED	Emotionally Disturbed	
MD	Multiply Disabled	Has two or more conditions that impact learning
OHI	Other Health Impaired	Some kind of health problem that impacts their ability to learn
OI	Orthopedically Impaired	Wheelchair, walker, prosthetic, etc.
PD	Preschool Disabled	Ages 3-5, PK3 means the child is 3 years old, PK4 means the child is 4 years old
SLD	Specific Learning Disability	Can be mild, moderate, or severe
SP	Speech Only	MUST be classified as ESLS to have this criteria
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	
VI	Visually Impaired	